

Amendment: D9

Representative **WHITMIRE** proposes the following amendment:

Department of Education

Amend:

1.86. (SDE: School Safety Program) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program *and School Resource Officers* shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a school resource officer for school districts that otherwise would lack the adequate resources to hire their own school resource officers. In making determinations of eligibility the department shall use the most recent index of taxpaying ability as the district's indicator of ability to pay, with districts of the lowest index of taxpaying ability receiving priority consideration. Districts must apply for funding through the department and no districts shall receive an award of more than four certified school resource officer positions. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that will serve as a full-time school resource officer.